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1. [REDACTED] Minister-President Otto Grotewohl ordered East German Minister of Mining and Smelting Fritz Selbmann to form within his ministry a coordinating committee (Referat) to insure the fulfillment of government orders, preferably under the Department for Material Procurement. The duty of the committee would be to insure in 1953 the delivery of East German industrial and agricultural products to units of the Russian Army stationed in East Germany. The committee was to have at least two experts. The function of the committee was to coordinate orders from the Russian Army with production plans. The committee was to work in close cooperation with the State Administration for Material Procurement, Main Department for Government Orders (Regierungsauftraege).

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2. Department heads of the Ministry of Mining and Smelting were furthermore ordered to accept from [REDACTED] orders for industrial products. The orders are to be placed through the State Administration for Material Procurement, Main Department for Government Orders.

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- 1/ [REDACTED] occurs regularly in East German internal military reports. From bills of lading, it appears to be in Bernau. Shipments to this [REDACTED] usually consist of such items as material, shoes, military freight, etc. It is presumably [REDACTED] of the Soviet Army Procurement Office.

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